



Tempe Public Art



Lorna Jordan

Origami Garden, 2008

Native plants, recycled glass,
LED lighting, concrete,
and terrazzo paving

Location:

Tempe Transportation Center
200 E. 5th Street

Artist Website:

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Photo: Bill Timmerman

Description: *Origami Garden* is an expressive courtyard garden and environmental artwork located at the LEED certified Tempe Transportation Center. The artwork creates a gathering place and link between adjacent light rail and bus platforms, civic buildings and Arizona State University. The sustainability-designed artwork includes: gabions with recycled glass rocks, low-energy LED light works, faceted earthworks and planting beds, harvested rainwater for irrigation, and seating areas. The informal seating steps are situated in both sun and shade to provide places for people to linger and connect with one another. The goal of *Origami Garden* is to incorporate sustainable materials and design strategies while providing a vibrant gathering space for downtown Tempe, as well as create interactions with the physical and psychological movements of people and the natural environment.

Artist biography: Lorna Jordan has served on public art commissions and design team projects since 1994. Her artwork has been featured as solo exhibitions and installations at numerous museums including the Bosie Art Museum and the Center on Contemporary Art in Seattle, Washington. In addition to *Origami Garden*, Jordan created a public art piece in Scottsdale, Arizona, that received an award for exemplary, innovative public artwork that exhibited environmental excellence. *Origami Garden* was also featured in *Americans for the Arts Year in Review* in 2008.

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